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SUBJ REACTIONS IN NORTHEAST TO DELAY IN
ADMINISTRATIVE ELECTIONS

1. NEWS OF THE IMMINENT POSTPONEMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ELECTIONS (WHICH HAD BEEN TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE NOVEMBER 27) WAS GREETED WITH SIGHS OF RELIEF IN TRIESTE. EARLY CONFRONTATION OVER OSIMO HAS THUS BEEN PUT OFF UNTIL NEXT JUNE WHEN ADMINISTRATIVE AND REGIONAL ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD SIMULTANEOUSLY. SOME LOCAL CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC (DC) LEADERS BEMOANED THE DELAY BUT THEY WERE IN A MINORITY. MOST WELCOMED THE RESPITE CONVINCED THAT TIME IS ON THE DC SIDE.
2. ANDREOTTI'S DECISION TO MAKE EVER EFFORT TO CARRY HIS

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NON-NO CONFIDENCE GOVERMNET INTO THE WHITE SEMESTER PRECEDING THE 1978 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS WAS OBVIOUSLY DECISIVE. HIS CHANCES OF DOING SO WERE OBVIOUSLY IMPROVED WITHOUT THE POTENTIAL DISCORD OF ELECTORAL COMBAT.
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NEVERTHELESS THE PROSPECT OF THE DC LOSING TRIESTE CITY HALL - ONE OF THE LAST MAJOR ITALIAN CITIES STILL IN DC HANDS - BECUASE OF THE SO CALLED CIVIC LIST'S ANTI OSIMO CAMPAIGN WAS A KEY FACTOR. LOCAL DC LEADERS ARE CONVINED THAT THEY CAN IN THE LONGER RUN TURN OSIMO AROUND BY EMPHASIZING TRIESTE'S EUROPEAN ROLE IN THE SCHEME OF THINGS AND LETTING TIME TAKE THE STEAM OUT OF THE CIVIC

LIST'S MOMENTUM.

3. DECISION IS NOT WITHOUT ITS RISKS, HOWEVER, MANY HAVE PERCEIVED DELAY AS EVIDENCE OF DC-PCI COLLUSION. MOREOVER, DC HAD BUILT UP ITS OWN HEAD OF STEAM AS A RESULT OF THE NATIONAL FRIENDSHIP FESTIVAL HELD IN PALMANOVA IN MID-SEPTEMBER. IF NOTHING ELSE, ZACCAGNINI EMERGED FROM THE FOUR-DAY FESTIVAL WITH HIS HAND STRENGTHENED BY THE RENEWERS AND YOUTH AND THE DC FOR THE FIRST TIME IN AWHIL SEEMED TO BE UNITED BEHIND ITS PARTY SECRETARY. THAT UNITY WILL

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UNDOUBTLY NOW HAVE TO MEET THE TEST OF TIME AND THE SEVERE STRAINS OF INDIVIDUAL AMBITION AS DECEMBER 1978 APPROACHES. FINALLY TRIESTE'S POLITICAL FORTUNES ARE NOW TIED TO THE REGIONAL ELECTIONS WHOSE OUTCOME WILL TURN ON THE SOLE ISSUE OF FRULI RECONSTRUCTION -- AN ISSUE OF INDIRECT CONCERN TO TRIESTE.

.4. COMMENT: IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN IF THE DC WILL USE TO GOOD ADVANTAGE THE NEXT NINE MONTHS TO DEFUSE OSIMO. THE CHANGE IN MANAGING DIRECTORS AND OWNERSHIP OF THE HERETOFORE RABID ANTI-OSIMO IL PICCOLO (TRIESTE DAILY WITH CIRCULATION OF 60,000) SOME EVIDENCE THAT EVEN TRIESTE IS TIRING OF THE OSIMO ISSUE BODES WELL FOR THE DC CAUSE. MOEN
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